

THE 2026 GLOBAL AFRICA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE FORUM CALL TO ACTION

I. PREAMBLE

We, the participants of the 2026 Global Africa People to People Forum, assembled on 21 July 2026 under the institutional auspices of the African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC) in collaboration with the Caribbean Pan-African Network (CPAN), the Emancipation Support Committee of Trinidad and Tobago (ESCTT), and Reform Initiatives (RI);

Gathered under the theme, "Advancing into the Second United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent," we reaffirm our shared commitment to Pan-African solidarity, reparatory justice, democratic citizen participation, sustainable development, peace and security, and institutional and people-centred cooperation between Africa, the Caribbean, and the African Diaspora;

Acknowledging the CARICOM Ten Point Plan for Reparations as a foundational roadmap that articulates Caribbean demands for reparations from all enslaving nations, and catalyzes the global African reparations movement through comprehensive development priorities addressing four centuries of native genocide, chattel enslavement and violent extractive colonialism;

Recalling the Second United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2025-2034), which provides a renewed global framework for addressing the legacies of the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans, colonialism, racial discrimination, and their continuing socio-economic and developmental consequences for peoples of African descent across the world;

Further recalling the African Union Decade on Reparations (2026-2036), established pursuant to the African Union's 2025 Theme of the Year, "*Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations*," as a continental framework to propel historical justice through reinforced institutional mechanisms, including the African Union Committee of Experts on Reparations (AUCER), strategic partnerships, and international engagement;

Reaffirming the outcomes of the Second Africa-CARICOM Heads of Government Summit, held on 7 September 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and underlining the importance of political dialogue and institutional cooperation between the African Union and CARICOM in solidifying people-to-people relations and championing common priorities centered on shared history and collective aspirations;

Welcoming the historic adoption of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/80/250, which recognises the trafficking of enslaved Africans and the system of racialised chattel enslavement as crimes against humanity, and reaffirming our collective resolve to catalyze meaningful, internationally supported reparatory justice initiatives;

Expressing concern over the protracted humanitarian, political, socio-economic, and security challenges confronting Haiti, and affirming the imperative for a coordinated, Haitian-led response supported through reinforced alliance among the African Union, CARICOM, regional institutions, humanitarian partners, and the wider international community;

Recognising the African Union Theme of the Year 2026, "*Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063*," and affirming that equitable access to water, sanitation, and hygiene constitutes a fundamental prerequisite for human dignity, public health, climate resilience, peace and sustainable development;



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Guided by the aspirations of Agenda 2063, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the shared vision of a united and prosperous Global Africa, we hereby submit the following calls for action for the consideration of the African Union, CARICOM, regional and international partners, civil society, and citizens across these constituencies.

a. Institutionalising United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/80/250

The Forum calls upon Member States, regional organisations, international partners and relevant stakeholders to:

- Demonstrate renewed political commitment to the institutionalisation, dissemination, and implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/80/250 within national, regional and local governance frameworks, recognising reparatory justice as a global responsibility.
- Amplify institutional and policy frameworks that support the implementation of the Resolution, including through national action plans, intergovernmental coordination mechanisms and engagement with regional and international institutions.
- Advance research, documentation and knowledge production through the collection, preservation and digitisation of historical records, oral histories, testimonies and archival materials, while supporting the identification, restitution and preservation of African cultural heritage and artefacts removed through enslavement and colonial exploitation.
- Continue strengthening Africa-CARICOM solidarity within multilateral institutions to promote an inclusive and equitable international system in which the voices, interests and contributions of Africa, the Caribbean and the Global African Diaspora are recognised on equal footing with global counterparts, while advancing shared priorities on reparatory justice and historical accountability.
- Promote solidarity and collaboration among Africa, the Caribbean, the Global African Diaspora and international partners committed to advancing justice, historical redress, reconciliation and restoration.
- Expand public awareness, civic participation and intergenerational dialogue through education, youth engagement and partnerships with civil society organisations, academic institutions, traditional and faith leaders, legal practitioners and community-based organisations, while ensuring the full and equal participation of women and young people.
- Encourage the integration of the history, causes and consequences of African enslavement, the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans and colonial exploitation into educational curricula at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, alongside the incorporation of reparatory justice into civic education, legal education, public administration and leadership development programmes.
- Fortify the observance of the African Day of Remembrance through authentic cultural practices that honor the legacy of victims of African enslavement and the transatlantic slave trade, encouraging dialogue, memorialization, and societal reckoning.
- Ensure that historical redress processes remain informed by the lived experiences, aspirations and priorities of affected communities and descendants of enslaved Africans through engagement with grassroots movements, community organisations, traditional institutions, faith communities and civil society networks.



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- Establish and expand dedicated parliamentary mechanisms, including within the Pan-African Parliament and national legislatures, to catalyze legislative cooperation, policy development, accountability and oversight in support of reparations initiatives.

b. Advancing Africa and Global Africa's Solidarity with Haiti

The Forum calls upon governments, regional institutions and international partners to:

- Reaffirm staunch solidarity with the people of Haiti by acknowledging the severity of the country's political, security, humanitarian and socio-economic challenges, while supporting nationally owned pathways towards peace, stability and development.
- Facilitate the restoration of constitutional order, democratic governance and the rule of law through an inclusive, transparent and Haitian-led political process culminating in peaceful, credible and inclusive elections, with broad stakeholder involvement from women, young people, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, local communities and national institutions.
- Deepen cooperation among the African Union, CARICOM, the Government and institutions of Haiti, the Global African Diaspora and relevant international partners to develop coordinated solutions that support governance, institutional resilience, sustainable development and recovery.
- Mobilise coordinated humanitarian, technical and development assistance that responds to the immediate needs of the Haitian people while reinforcing national capacities for recovery, resilience and development.
- Promote synchronized responses to displacement and migration arising from the crisis in Haiti, including, where appropriate, the consideration of temporary protection and humanitarian measures that safeguard Haitians from involuntary return where prevailing conditions present significant humanitarian and security risks, in accordance with international law and applicable international protection standards.
- Encourage international engagement that addresses the structural drivers of instability through long-term investment in institution-building, economic opportunity, social protection, education, public health and community resilience.

c. Advancing Joint Africa-CARICOM Action on the 2026 African Union Theme of the Year on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The Forum invites relevant institutions and partners to:

Strengthen technical cooperation between the African Union, CARICOM and specialised regional and international institutions through the exchange of knowledge, technology, innovation and good practices on climate resilience, water governance, sanitation systems and sustainable infrastructure in furtherance of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mainstream water security, sanitation and hygiene within continental and regional policies on peacebuilding, conflict prevention and early warning by recognising access to water as a determinant of human security, social cohesion and peace.

Enhance coordination between local authorities and humanitarian actors to ensure equitable access to water, sanitation and hygiene services for displaced populations and host communities.



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Invest in climate-resilient water and sanitation infrastructure, innovation and capacity development to amplify resilience against the increasing impacts of climate change, environmental degradation and water scarcity.

Recognize and expand the role of independent and responsible media, academic institutions and civil society organisations in raising awareness of water, sanitation, hygiene and climate-related challenges, enabling transparency, accountability and informed civic participation, while fending for the safety, independence and professional integrity of media practitioners.

d. Advancing the Outcomes of the Second Africa-CARICOM Heads of Government Summit

The Forum calls upon the African Union, CARICOM, their Member States and partner institutions to:

- Accelerate the implementation of the commitments contained in the Communiqué of the Second Africa-CARICOM Heads of Government Summit and the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparative Justice, through coordinated national, regional and continental action.
- Devote special attention and effort towards operationalizing the proposal to have the African Union establish an AU representational office in Georgetown, Guyana at the seat of CARICOM, and for CARICOM to establish a representational office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the headquarters of the AU.
- Strengthen institutional cooperation between the African Union Committee of Experts on Reparations (AUCER), the African Union Reference Group of Legal Experts on Reparations (AULER) and the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) to continue to champion a reparatory agenda, through policy dialogue, joint research and advocacy.
- Endorse the proposal for a joint development by **ECOSOCC** and the **Caribbean Pan-African Network (CPAN)** of an **Africa-CARICOM Citizens' Scorecard** as a participatory accountability mechanism to monitor the implementation of Summit commitments, promote transparency and strengthen citizen engagement in the Africa-CARICOM partnership.
- Prioritise investment in maritime connectivity, aviation, transport infrastructure and digital integration, including the expansion of direct air connectivity between Africa and the Caribbean, to facilitate trade, investment, tourism, academic and cultural exchange and economic integration.
- Promote collaborative research, documentation, archival preservation and knowledge exchange to consolidate the evidentiary foundations of reparations initiatives, while supporting policy development, legislative engagement and international advocacy.
- Expand people-to-people cooperation among young people, academic and research institutions, civil society organisations, the private sector, creative and cultural industries, entrepreneurs and diaspora communities, including through the promotion of Africa-Caribbean Civil, Creative and Economic Exchange Programmes that promote innovation, cultural diplomacy, skills exchange and economic partnerships.

II. CONCLUSION



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We recognise that the aspirations articulated through this Forum constitute a generational undertaking that demands political will, institutional continuity, investment and commitment to the peoples and communities whose histories and futures they seek to advance.

We therefore commit ourselves to advancing these outcomes into action through institutional cooperation, active civic engagement, strategic partnerships, knowledge exchange and dialogue across Africa, the Caribbean and the Global African Diaspora.

We call upon the African Union, CARICOM, their Member States, and regional and international organisations, development partners, philanthropic institutions, the private sector, academia and civil society to marshal the political commitment, technical expertise and financial resources necessary to realise this shared agenda.

We further encourage the African Union, CARICOM, ECOSOCC, the Caribbean Pan-African Network and all relevant partners to continue facilitating platforms for dialogue and citizen engagement that reinforce the bonds between Africa, the Caribbean and the Global African Diaspora.